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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Perhaps I am a crank on the subject of fresh air, but I cannot help noticing of what little consequence ventilation is apparently regarded by architects of public buildings and by parties in control of the buildings. This is particularly noticeable in churches. While there are many houses of worship in the city of Scranton that are properly ventilated, there are others that are sadly wanting in this important feature.

The members of the McCall Mission will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. T. H. Watkins, on Monroe avenue. As this is the first autumnal meeting an interesting session is expected.

It is generally conceded that we gave the firemen a good time. There are some residents of the city willing to affirm that we overdid the matter. It wasn't as bad in that respect as Wilkes-Barre, but there is no telling what it would have been if we had entertained a few more visitors. One of those who had been given a "good time," according to his version, was discovered sitting out on the stones near Koempel's drug store, Friday night, ruminating on the delights of the day. Every few minutes he started the passerby with a wild howl, winding up with the anxious inquiry, "What's the matter with Scranton?" to which he added the comforting assurance, "She's all right!"

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reposing on the stone coping of the City Hall, with his head carefully pillowed in a young woman's lap. She was sitting very still, and considerably rested, the rescue party to keep still and not disturb his nap.

The annual donation day of the Home for the Friendless will be on the 21st. It was expected that by this date the new building would be occupied, but it seems by November before removal will take place.

Charles A. Hartley, the famed ventriloquist, humorist, and valued member of the New York World's staff of special correspondents, was in the city yesterday on a brief visit.

PERSONAL.

Patrolman Palmer, Saul and Johler are on vacation. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galze, of Moscow, were in the city yesterday.

Ex-Constable E. C. Yeomans, formerly of this city, has returned from an extended visit in the west. He will make his future home at Hartford, Susquehanna county.

F. D. Brundage, agent for the National Express company at Wilkes-Barre, has been appointed cashier for the Wells-Fargo company in this city to succeed W. E. Smith, who has been transferred to Albany.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Knittel, of Jefferson avenue, and Mr. Charles Matiska occurred at St. Peter's cathedral on Wednesday morning last. The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Knittel, and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

MEETING OF STATE POOR DIRECTORS.

First Session Will Be Held in This City Tomorrow. Beginning tomorrow, and continuing Wednesday and Thursday, the twenty-third annual convention of the association of the directors of the poor and charities of Pennsylvania will be in session in this city.

The meetings will be held in Y. M. C. A. hall. The first will be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow by the president, Dr. James W. Walk, of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, of Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church, will offer prayer, after which an address of welcome will be delivered by Judge R. W. Archbald. The responses will be made by Robert D. McDonigle, of Allegheny, and L. C. Colborn, of Somerset, ex-president of the association, and Mrs. L. P. Wilson, of Altoona, on behalf of the Children's Aid societies. Then will follow the president's annual address, enrollment of delegates, appointment of committees and other routine matters.

TODAY AT HAZLETON.

Annual Parade of Scranton Diocesan Union Will Take Place. Today at Hazleton the annual parade of the societies of the Scranton Diocesan Union will take place.

The parade will move at 12.30 and after passing over many of the principal streets of Hazleton will disperse at Hazle Park where a picnic will be held and speeches delivered by well-known orators.

SCHOOL BUILDING INSPECTED.

Enlarged No. 26 in the First Ward Is Ready for Occupancy. No. 26 school building in the First ward, which was rebuilt and enlarged during the summer, was formally inspected by members of the board of control, Saturday. The inspecting party was composed mainly of the members of the building committee of the board, who will recommend the acceptance of the structure.

CLERGYMAN ARRESTED.

Charged with Larceny by Bailee by a Member of His Congregation. Alderman Wright on Saturday evening held Rev. Nicholas Chausath, pastor of the Greek Catholic church, on Stone avenue, in bail in the sum of \$500 to answer a charge of larceny by bailee.

SPLITS WOOD AT AGE OF NINETY-FIVE

Jerusha M. Mitchell, the Oldest Man in Lackawanna County.

HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY

Over Half a Hundred of His Progeny Sat About the Table—He Remembers Seeing the Soldiers Going Out to the War of 1812 and Saw Scranton When There Were Only Two Houses Here—Is Lively and Hopes to Reach the Century Mark.

A man who got lost following the soldiers out of Wilkes-Barre in 1812 and who last summer split and piled a cord of fire wood was the interesting central figure in a happy assemblage at Mitchell's dining rooms, 320 Washington avenue, Saturday afternoon. He is Jerusha M. Mitchell and the occasion was the celebration of his 95th birthday, the party being given by

The Mitchell Family Tree.

Table listing family members: Mrs. H. White, Mrs. Fred Bidwell, Eva White, J. P. Hollister, Mrs. Arthur West, Mrs. Julia Hollister, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. A. W. Long, Mrs. Arthur Yeager, Vincent Mitchell, Harry W. Mitchell, Elmer Mitchell, Lillian J. Moore, Miss Jennie Mitchell, Mrs. Lucella White, Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Harry D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. John McKinney, La Vanche Mitchell, Leon D. White, Irene E. White, Doris Bidwell, Lena Bidwell, Louis Bidwell, Jessie I. Hollister, Leo P. Hollister, Lida West, Charles H. Hollister, Buell M. Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell, May Yeager, Joe M. Mitchell, Mattie E. Mitchell, Louis Mitchell, Basil Moore, Lida West, May Willis, Norma Wolfe, James F. Rockefeller, James F. Rockefeller, Five children.

his grandson Ira Mitchell, proprietor of the dining rooms aforementioned. Over fifty of his descendants and their marriage relatives attended, but in all the party there was not a livelier boy than the monogenerian in whose honor the event was given.

His father was Michael Mitchell son of a Revolutionary martyr of the same name. He came to Pennsylvania from Connecticut with his wife in 1878, travelling the whole distance in an ox cart. They settled in Salem township, Wayne county and here the subject of this sketch was born in 1802.

CARRIED THE MAIL.

His first employment outside of that of farm chores was carrying the United States mail, which he undertook at the age of sixteen years, having for his route an eighty-four mile circuit from Stockport, below Wind Gap, through Wayne, Monroe and Northampton counties to within twelve miles of Easton. He travelled the whole distance a foot for convenience in making short cuts through the woods, carrying his mail pouch on one shoulder and rifle on the other. He made the trip once a week.

When he was ten years of age his parents moved to Wilkes-Barre where he was apprenticed to the tailor trade, his boss being Anthony Brower. He remembers well when the soldiers of the war of 1812 were in Wilkes-Barre and tells interestingly of how he was lost one day following them as they started northward out of the town. Pitston in those days he said had one house—a heavy house, and the houses of the two Slocums were the only buildings in Slocum Hollow.

The Wayne county farmers in those days carried their grain to Babylon, where the only mill in this region was situated. He tells of his father having



JERUSHA M. MITCHELL, Aged 95 Years and Still "As Young as He Used to Was."

been chased two miles by a bear while coming over the mountain near Moose lake, with a bag of wheat that he was taking to the Babylon mill.

WENT TO HOLLISTERVILLE.

His parents went from Wilkes-Barre to Abington where they lived for four years and where Jerusha at the age of twenty-five was married to Eunice Hall daughter of Henry Hall. She died twenty-five years ago. The family moved to Hollisterville where Jerusha started a rick and handle factory which he operated for many years.

He boasts of having worn out two saw mills during his life. Ten years ago he made Scranton his home but

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each summer he spends in Hollisterville and at the Mitchell's country home, last summer he split and piled a cord of fire wood "just for his own sake" as he put it. He owns property in Dunmore and has various business interests and remarkable to say attends to all of his business himself. He reads a little, his hearing is good and he is so sprightly on his feet that he detains street cars when making his visiting and business trips around the city.

He is a Baptist in religion and was a chorister and village singing master in Salem in the twenties. He was a whig, then a Republican and now, that is for the last year—he talks Prohibition very strong.

"Were you ever a Democrat?" the Tribune reporter asked him during a chat yesterday afternoon.

HIS MEMORY GOOD. "Not that I can remember," he said thoughtfully and then in a jocular vein rejoined—"and my memory is excellent."

The first president he voted for was John Quincy Adams, the sixth executive of the United States. He has also helped elect Whig and Republican governors ever since 1823 when he cast a vote for John Andrew Shultz.

Grandpa Mitchell, as he is called by

everybody, is not an old man despite his years. His health is good and he has good hopes of reaching and passing the century mark. He is now, as far as is known, the oldest man in the county.

OBSTRUCTION ON TRACK.

An Attempt Made to Derail a Taylor Car Saturday Night—Accident Fortunately Averted.

An attempt to derail a street car on the Taylor line, heavily loaded with passengers, Saturday night, was frustrated by a mere circumstance. One minute's time might have resulted in a wreck, the gravity of which may only be supposed. The place of the attempted wreck is at the foot of a steep and curving hill, near the Lightner farm-house, between Taylor and Bellevue.

At about 9 o'clock, W. B. Owen, of Taylor, in passing the point in a carriage, noticed a dark mass on the track at the foot of the hill. At the same moment a street car bound south rounded the top of the hill and started down the grade at a fast rate of speed. Not waiting to investigate farther, Mr. Owen urged his horse forward and succeeded in warning the car motor-man. The car was stopped within ten feet of the obstruction.

Conductor Carrell went ahead and found a thick limb of a tree lying across one side of the track. The obstruction was removed and the car proceeded.

The limb could not have possibly found its way to the track without some person placing it there. The limb was big enough to have thrown the swiftly-moving car from the rails, the momentum at this point being enough to do much damage.

The only plausible supposition for the presence of the limb is that some malicious person in a spirit of devilishness placed the obstruction on the track.

PARENT NOT HEIR TO CHILD.

Case Which Hinged on That Point Decided by Judge Archbald.

According to Judge Archbald's interpretation of the statute of descent a parent is not the natural heir of his or her children. The question came up Saturday in the trial of an ejectment suit brought by Henry Andrews against Frederick Eckert and wife to recover possession of a fifty-three acre farm in Abington.

Mrs. Eckert was formerly Mrs. Andrews and a sister-in-law of the plaintiff Henry Andrews. Her first husband died and left the property now in dispute to his two children. They both died and the mother proceeded to claim the property. The brother brought suit claiming he was next of kin and the natural heir after the children. The whole case hinged on the interpretation of the statute governing this question, so Judge Archbald took it from the jury and decided as above stated. M. J. Wilson and ex-Judge Jessup appeared for the plaintiff and C. H. Soper for the defendants.

In the wage suit of August Franz against Conrad and Eliza Riehl, a verdict of \$7.87 for the plaintiff was returned.

A verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$246.92 was found in the case of the Onondaga Dynamite company against the Hallstead Textile company.

THE COUNTY SANITARIANS.

Associated Boards of Health Convention Occurs Tomorrow. Tomorrow afternoon and evening the county sanitarians will hold forth in the board of health rooms, city hall, the occasion being their fifth semi-annual convention.

Nearly every board of health in the county, it is expected, will be represented at the convention and visitors from other counties will probably be in attendance to learn something of the plan and scope of this, the only organization of its kind in the state.

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STAMPED ON THE FACE OF HIS WIFE

Brutal Conduct of James Renny on Millin Avenue Last Night.

ARRESTED BY PATROLMAN DAY

Woman's Face Is Terribly Cut and Bruised Where Her Cruel Husband Made a Mat of Her Features in His Rage—Her Wounds Dressed by Police Surgeon W. G. Fulton—She Will Be Disfigured for Life as the Result of the Beating.

"Cries of 'Police! Help! Help!' at 10.30 o'clock last night brought Patrolman Lena Day to the corner of Millin avenue and Mulberry street, where he found Mrs. James Renny stretched out on the sidewalk with her face bearded with blood, which flowed from wounds on her face. Before he reached the woman, Patrolman Day rounded the corner just in time to collide with James Renny, the wife-beater, who was attempting to escape.

The police officer's big arms closed about Renny and he was marched back to where the woman lay with the marks of his brutality upon her. Mrs. Renny was lifted from the sidewalk and managed to walk to the central police station. She and the brute were placed in separate cells.

The woman is not over 26 years of age, and had some claims to beauty. She will be disfigured for life now. Where Renny in his rage stamped her face with the heel of his boot is a cut for each stamp.

HER INJURIES.

Her upper lip is cleaved through from the nose downward. Her front teeth are broken and a hole in her tongue is big enough to admit a man's small finger. She could scarcely talk, through the wreck made by Renny's heel, and the blood in the flow had soaked through her clothing. Renny's clothing, also, was spotted with his wife's blood. When he entered the police station Renny took a chair in the office, saying: "Shove her in, officer; shove her in." By this time he himself thought to escape. He sat in the chair for about four seconds, when he was hustled off to the worst cell in the place.

Patrolman Day said: "He did not resist me, only wish he had"—shaking his club significantly.

The woman's screams created a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood of the assault. She was unable to say what caused her husband's vicious attack. Water was given her and she washed the blood from her face.

WOUNDS DRESSED.

Dr. W. G. Fulton, the police surgeon, was called and sewed up the wound in the woman's lip. It had not been decided at midnight whether or not to send her to the hospital.

Renny is a cab driver employed by the Cusick estate. He is a young man and is well known about town.

SCRANTON GOLFERS WIN.

Defeated Wilkes-Barre by 20 Holes on This City's Course.

The Scranton Country club golfers defeated the Wyoming Valley team on this city's course Saturday. The course record was broken by Charles Loveland in 41 strokes. Scranton won by 21 holes up.

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